

Instructions for using the GeoCommunicator Map Viewer to view USFS parcels that are potentially eligible for sale under the Rural Schools initiative.

Map Viewer Requirements:

The viewer works best in **Internet Explorer**. Pop-ups must be allowed. Map URL: http://www.geocommunicator.gov/NILS-PARCEL2/map.jsp?MAP=USFS



The darker green areas on the map represent the potential sale parcels.

Use the map tools to move around the map



Full Extent

To see the entire US click the Full Extent Button.



Pan

Use the **Pan** Button to move around on the map.

Search the Eastern States or Western States using the Zoom Tool



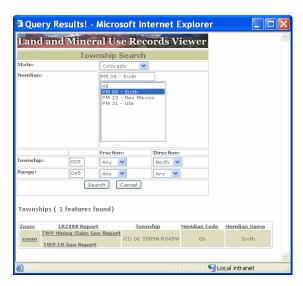
Zoom In Click-hold-drag a box Use the **Zoom In** button to click and drag a box around an area you want to view. Look for the dark green dots on the maps. The closer you zoom in the more detail becomes available.

As you zoom in the Forest Regions will disappear and only the National Forests will be displayed. To remove the Forest Regions see map layers below.

Search the Westerns States using the Township Search Tool



Township Search



Search the Western States using the **Township Search** Button. Enter the State, Meridian, Township, and Range information from the USFS website. From the search results, click on **Zoom** to go to the selected area.

For Eastern States you will have to use the zoom tools to zoom into a state.

Verify the parcels using the Identify tool



Use the Identify tool to verify the parcel legal description or the parcel number. Click on the Identify button and then click on a USFS sale parcel on the map. The USFS location data is located under the USFS tab in the Identify window. The other tabs are used for the other GeoCommunicator products.





Print your maps in PDF or html.

Map Layers



Use the map layers displayed to the left to customize the map and to help you find a location. A check mark in a box next to a name in dark lettering indicates the layer is active. A name in light gray color means the layer is inactive in the current view. Zooming in/out will activate or deactivate layers. Click on the folder to open/close viewing of the contents. Click in the box next to the layer that you want to active or inactive on the map.

Reference Themes

Click on and off reference themes such as lakes, roads, urban areas, etc.

PLSS

Click in the box to activate additional layers for the Township/Range/Section information for the western states.

National Forests

Click on and off Forest Regions/labels and National Forest Lands. National Forest Lands are the most detailed of the layers.

Base Maps

Click on and off base maps for reference. The Aerial Photography is only active when you are zoomed in.

Internet Map Service



Add Services

Geodata.gov

Use the Add Services or Add Data button from GIS software or GIS map viewers to add the USFS layer to your GIS. Internet Map Server: www.geocommunicator.gov

Map Service Name: BLM_USFS_PARCELS_wms

View USFS potential sale parcels using the Geodata.gov map viewer. Click on the Geodata.gov link to bring up the viewer with the sale parcels. Click on and off the layers you wish to view. Zoom in and out to see the parcels.